

PERSONAL

25 October 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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1. Pursuant to your request, I have again read [REDACTED] study on "Organization of Former Employees of CIA" as well as the other papers in the file on this general subject. I have discussed the matter privately and at some length with at least sixteen senior officers of the Agency. I have also talked briefly with a few former employees, most of whom had retired.

2. I have tried to limit myself to the question of whether such an alumni organization would be an asset or a liability to the Agency and the Director rather than get bogged down in too many details about how it would organize and operate. Presumably, if it's a good idea the right people can, with the Agency's cooperation, organize and operate it properly. (This would, however, be a big job -- I do not mean to minimize it.)

3. I am prepared to discuss the subject with you in whatever detail you like at your convenience. In order to save your time, I have tried to prepare a brief paper (attached) summarizing the principal points of contention.

4. While I did not ask the people with whom I talked to vote "yes" or "no," I have appended a sheet which indicates how I conclude they feel about the question.

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Attachments